

Applicant: Michael D. Mabry and Donald R. McAllisterEntitled: SEALABLE LID FOR VACUUM DISTILLATION APPARATUS**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)****CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS****{37 CFR 1.9(F) AND 1.27 (B)} - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **SEALABLE LID FOR VACUUM DISTILLATION APPARATUS**

described in the specification filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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 Persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the inventions averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

Full Name IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.Address 1520 Airport Drive, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107

Individual Small Business Concern Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. {37 CFR 1.28(b)}

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Michael D. Mabry

Name of Inventor

Signature of Inventor

04/07/00

Date Signed

Donald R. McAllister

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS {37 CFR 1.9 AND 1.27} - CLAIMANT OF PATENT RIGHTS**

As a below named Claimant, We hereby declare that:

We qualify as a Small Business Concern a Non-Profit Organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **SEALABLE LID FOR VACUUM DISTILLATION APPARATUS** described in the specification filed herewith.

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I, the undersigned individual, warrant that I am an officer authorized to execute this document on behalf of the Claimant; I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Date: 04/07/00

By: Michael D. Mabry
Typed Name: Michael D. Mabry
Position: President

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **SEALABLE LID FOR VACUUM DISTILLATION APPARATUS**

the specification of which

(check one) is attached hereto.

— was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim:

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any United States provisional parent application, foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any United States provisional patent application, foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the above-identified application on which priority is claimed:

Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s): **Provisional Application Serial Number 60/128,818, Filed April 12, 1999.**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior Application(s): **None**

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

As a named inventor, we hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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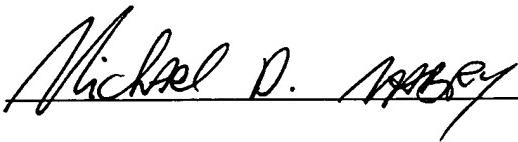
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Michael D. Mabry and Donald R. McAllister

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**IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.
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A. Patent Application No.(s) **60/128,818**

B. Patent No.(s)

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents Involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00

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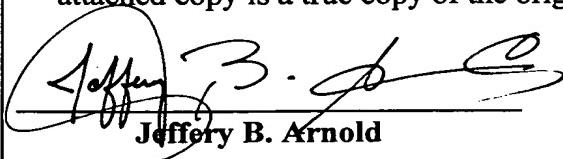
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September 20, 1999
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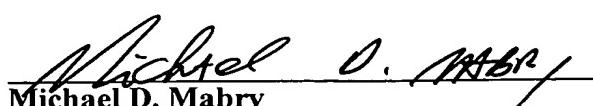
WHEREAS, We, **Michael D. Mabry**, a United States citizen, residing at 3172 Oak Springs Trace, Marietta, Georgia 30066-3983, and **Donald R. McAllister**, a United States citizen, residing at 16350 Freemanville Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004-2713, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **SEALABLE LID FOR VACUUM DISTILLATION APPARATUS** for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, filed as U. S. Serial No. 60/128,818 on April 12, 1999;

AND WHEREAS, **IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.**, a Georgia corporation, with its principal place of business at 175 Hickory Springs Industrial Drive, Canton, Georgia 30115, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including salary or payment for the making of inventions, or employee benefits, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said **IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said **IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said **IHS Solvent Solutions, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of MAY, 1999.


Michael D. Mabry

STATE OF Georgia COUNTY OF Cherokee SS: 587-07-7850

This 10th day of May, 1999, before me personally came the above-named **Michael D. Mabry**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

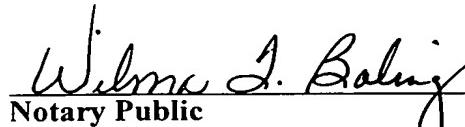

Notary Public
My Commission expires May 15, 2000

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 10 day
of May, 1999.


Donald R. McAllister

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Cherokee SS: 263-92-9420

This 10th day of May, 1999, before me personally came the
above-named **Donald R. McAllister**, to me personally known as the individual who executed
the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.


Wilma J. Balog
Notary Public

My Commission expires May 15, 2000